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### Land Speculation Probably Responsible For Many Farms

### Being Abandoned

debate on the address, Dr. Michael Clark, (Red Deer), said: No previous administration in Canada, had had to apologise for so many dis-

sarded policies. Continuing, he accused the prime minister of "viewing the agricultural problems of Canada from the road." A farmer who judged the value of a farm from such a point of vantage would stand condemned even in his own mind. But when the premier talked last summer of rural depopulation, he

that he knew nothing about it, and that his speeches had been prepared

for him, he being too busy with his bolshevists to consider the problem of rural depopulation at first hand. The premier had said that land values could not be unduly enhanced because the farmers were leaving their farms.

**Land Speculation**

perhaps, said Dr. Clark, that land speculation might be the reason why farms were being abandoned. Dr. Clark warmly asserted that an ex-

ness of imports over exports did not necessarily mean adverse trade balance. The prime minister was wrong in thinking such could be the case. History showed that European countries with an excess of imports were

prosperous. If the premier studied the whole situation, he would realize that people buy out of their prosperity. Great Britain through free trade had been able not only to buy

the burdens of the war, but to render assistance to other countries. Dr. Clark illustrated his argument with many examples and said that if a man borrowed \$1000 from a bank at eight per cent for one year, he would be

uncompelled to pay the bank \$1080. This was an excess of imports over exports for the bank, and he wagered that the bank did not consider it an adverse balance of trade. After the

elections of 1896, Canada imported more than she exported. This was during the excluding period and the country was never more prosperous.

**The Luxury Tax**

Dr. Clark rallied the premier for

hailing the protection flag to the mast for life." "But anyone," he said, "who could change his mind on the luxury tax three times in six months could change his mind in re-

It was no trick to do business during the war period. Food and munitions were eagerly purchased by European countries, but it was regrettable that Canada's exports had

It is a remarkable fact that when in 1860, Great Britain began to have an adverse trade balance and that when in 1898 Canada began to have an ad-

Dr. Clark had heard a great deal about the excess of imports over exports in Canada's trade with the United States. There was no mystery

about this. In the first place, a great deal of money had been borrowed from the United States, when a better way to raise it would have been by direct taxation; and secondly, Dr.

Clark instanced that during 1920, municipal and provincial bonds were issued to the extent of \$224,000,000, and of these \$223,000,000 were held in the United States. This was not the period for extravagance either per-

**A Sinking Ship**  
To the Liberals, Dr. Clarke pointed

ut that Liberalism had always meant freedom. Eventually, in Canada, it must mean freedom in trade, because he really stood for the rights of the masses against the usurpation of the masses. He invited the attention of

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 is member from Quebec to the fact  
 trade. Protection only stood for an  
 antiquated torism. To the govern-  
 ment Dr. Clark said, that he could

Dr. Clarke sharply reminded the prime minister that the latter had nailed his colors to the mast, it was to a man on a sinking ship. The opposition broke into applause. Dr. Clarke added that he meant the sinking ship of protection

of this, the government could not consistently appeal to the progressive party for support. And so the progressive party would have to vote

He solemnly charged the government that its policy was the thing the people would vote on, and the thing that parliament should vote on.

### Mutual Protective Insurance Society Is Retailers' Scheme

OTTAWA, Mar. 1.—The Citizen today publishes the following "Steps toward the establishment of mutual insurance protective association or an insurance company

which it is understood is to be backed by one of the strongest mutual insurance companies in the States and to be taken by the Dominion Re-Merchants Association."

The Dominion Association, so the union was given to understand today, has been asked by the provincial associations to take steps toward about a reduction in the cost of fire insurance as charged the members of the associations of non-

It was asserted that the provincial bodies had felt that the rate charged was too high as the element of risk in their business was not great.

Further steps in this direction will be taken at Montreal shortly.

ould be taken to have the merchants  
ne all their insurance with the  
company for the purpose of secur-  
a lower rate.





# WILLY GEORGE MAKING RECORD TO FT. NORMAN

With Relays of Fresh Dogs at  
Every Post, Old-timer Travels  
Fast

Willy George, well known musher of the north country is living up to the motto of "Speed and Service" according to a trapper who has just returned from making an old claim at Windy Point, where the redoubtable George is making a record in his sledging and pulling the dogs and sledges in the distance which surprised him from those who had left far in advance.

George left McMurtry 23 days after Tony Neis and party had headed down, and when met by sledges to his camp, he had lost two days in remaining to assist in fighting the fire at the hospital at Smith.

He is now on his way to the north, where he is expected to arrive at Fort Smith in the near future. He is now on his way to the north, where he is expected to arrive at Fort Smith in the near future.

At Fort Smith two inspectors of the C.P.R. met him and after a long talk with the intention of changing the route, but the old-timer, who had been in the north for many years, refused to be moved.

Presently Mr. George arrived on the scene with his sledging party and the letter of credit, and by some means he was able to get a permit to travel with the H.B.C. Inspector.

It is more fun in the north in winter than last, says the trapper from Resolute, but owing to high water during the open season muskies were hard to get, and no rain are coming in. Only light has come out so far.

The McMurtry railway is slated to give good service now, considerable improvements have been made to the roadbed, and trains are now running to and of the steel.

## SAM SAVAGE SERIOUSLY ILL

Sam Savage, well known Calgary business man, who was removed to the Calgary General Hospital on Wednesday to undergo an operation for appendicitis, is reported by hospital authorities to be slightly improved.

Mr. Savage was very low for a time but hopes are now held for his recovery. He is being attended by Dr. Charles Bouck.

## H. J. JANNETT IN CALGARY

On his way to Regina, the North-west Canadian Trade Association, was in Calgary Saturday. He is registered at the Palliser.

Remembering that Germany can not pay the \$4,000,000,000 indemnity. In 1914 economists said that the war could not last more than a few weeks because of the cost.—Buffalo Express.

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# ALLIANCE ASKS TEACHERS NOT TO TAKE PART

One Refuses to Attend Meeting  
on Revision Course of Study  
—Another is Present

Further echoes of the trouble between Hon. George P. Smith, minister of education and the Teachers' Alliance were heard Tuesday morning in connection with the committee working on the revision of the school curriculum. The only absentee was Chief Justice of the Peace, Mr. J. H. Smith, principal of the Elm Street school, principal of the Teachers' Alliance. The committee was chosen representative of the various phases of life in the community with a preponderance of persons not engaged in the teaching profession. In order to get the opinion of the parents and the people generally. Later it is the intention of the committee to send out to these persons, to have a preliminary conference which will work out the recommendations of this committee along with their own professional findings.

It is understood that the minister of education asked the Alberta Educational Association to recommend two representatives, which they did in the persons of Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Calgary, and Mr. J. H. Smith, of Calgary. The Alliance had not been asked to send two representatives to the meeting.

Mr. Smith pointed out that it was with no intention of not recognizing the Teachers' Alliance, but the body which includes all the teachers and which he believed should be the representative to the minister. He considered the Alliance as the organization which had to do with the business enterprises of the teachers.

He said in fact had already arranged to have a committee from their organization meet with a committee from the teachers' association.

The Alliance officials, since their organization, as being strictly teachers' organization, was not for teachers only, but for the public generally.

He said that when the Educational Association found that their teachers were not represented, they instructed their delegates not to attend, for they could also be authorized as representing the Teachers' Alliance.

At the present time the matter is under negotiation and may be adjourned before the meeting is completed.

## HAD VAN SEARCH FOR T. MUNDON COAST CITIES

Detective Schoopke of Provincial  
Police Back from Visit to  
Seattle

Following a vain three weeks search of Spokane and Seattle for Thomas Mundon, the 23-year-old murder suspect, who is wanted by the Edmonton police for the murder of the two McDonald children last fall, Detective Ernest R. Schoopke of the Alberta provincial police, has returned from the coast.

"The trail led to nowhere," would be an appropriate heading for the story of the chase to the Pacific coast for the alleged murderer. The first chapter in the drama took place about a month ago, when Chief of Police Ritchie, of Calgary, received a telegram from George Allan, of Spokane, intimating that he had firm hand knowledge of the whereabouts of the man wanted for murder. Chief Ritchie in turn wired Chief of Police Wier, of Spokane, asking him to interview Allan, adding that a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of Mundon had been offered by the Department of Justice.

Allan again wired that his information was reliable and that he was willing to come to Calgary to confer with the police.

Chief Ritchie decided to hand the case over to the Provincial police. It was purely a provincial matter. Commissioner A. Cuddy was then notified and Detective Schoopke of the local branch of the A.P.P. was detailed to the case.

Detective Schoopke went to Spokane, where he interviewed Allan. The information received from him led to nothing but bluffed truth, and after scouring the city of Spokane for two weeks without any measure of success, Detective Schoopke returned and reported that all his efforts were in vain.

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## CHOWN DENIES STATEMENT ABOUT REV. SPRACKLIN

Toronto, Mar. 1.—Rev. R. D. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, last night issued a denial of an interview which appeared in the "Morning Star" yesterday with reference to Rev. Chown and Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, former license inspector.

He did not state that Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin would join the social service department of the Methodist church, either temporarily or in any other way," said Dr. Chown.

## AUSTRALIA WINS ANOTHER CRICKET MATCH

Sydney, N.S.W., Mar. 1.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Australia won the fifth and last cricket test match from England today by nine wickets.



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## German Offer One Seventh of Sum Asked by Allies for Reparations; Given Cut Reply By Lloyd George

British Premier Says That Unless They Have Something More to Offer, It Will Appear in Dr. Simons' Statement There Will Be No Need to Continue Conference

London, March 1.—Germany, through her delegates to the conference with the Allies here, today made reparations offers of approximately 30,000,000 gold marks, or about \$7,500,000,000. (The sum fixed by the Supreme Council a month ago was a total of 225 billion gold marks and also an export duty of 12½ per cent. on all exports.)

It was understood that after Dr. Simons, the German foreign minister, had finished his statement on reparations, Mr. Lloyd George, the British prime minister, replied in substance that unless the Germans had something more to offer than appeared in Dr. Simons' statement there was no need of continuing the conference.

Mr. Lloyd George told the German foreign minister: "If the written proposals are of the same general character as the explanation of them, it is worth while for us to read them."

"You are asked to look at the comprehensive of the position of the Allies and of your own position. We will discuss among ourselves our reply and give it to you tomorrow at eleven o'clock."

German Delegation.

When the Germans left the conference they appeared to be greatly depressed. The German foreign minister, Dr. Simons, was said to be in a state of mind that he was not sure that the reparations offered by the German government would be accepted by the Allies. He was said to be in a state of mind that he was not sure that the reparations offered by the German government would be accepted by the Allies.

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## J. BURGESS OPENS ADVERTISING AGENCY IN CITY

The Burgess Advertising Agency has been opened up in Butte at 400 Broadway, and is being managed by J. Burgess.

In addition to his own business, Mr. Burgess is also the manager for the Crawford-Harris Advertising Agency, which is managed by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Burgess Advertising Agency will be in charge of all advertising for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

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Harry Miday is Convicted in City Police Court Second Offense

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